SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" Sir, may I ask the Government to furnish this House with information regarding the steps taken by the Government to provide employment for these ex-toddy tappers? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDAR :—" I want notice, Sir."

District Board, Guntur.

*187 *Q.*—SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the District Board, Guntur, has got debts amounting to several lakhs of rupees, and as a result the employees and contractors of the District Board are not regularly paid ; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government propose to take to set matters right?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The present outstanding debt of the Guntur District Board is Rs. 4·5 lakhs. The employees of the District Board are being paid regularly. The outstanding balance to contractors is Rs. 2·72 lakhs.

" (*b*) The present cash balance of the District Board is Rs. 3·9 lakhs. The District Board has been asked to settle the claims of the contractors promptly."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that the salaries of teachers for the month of March could be paid only in the first week of July? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, anyhow the salaries are paid. (Laughter.)

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" తమకు డబ్బు లేదనే కారణంతోటి, హిందీ విద్యాబోధనను డిస్ట్రిక్టు బోర్డు స్కూల్సులో రద్దు చేసారని గవర్నమెంటుకు తెలుసునా. అందుకు గవర్నమెంటు ఇప్పుడు ఏమి చేయబోతున్నారు ? ".

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" A separate question may be put to the Hon. the Minister for Education."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Sir, may I know the source from which this sum was borrowed and for what purpose? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, there was no loan oustanding against the District Board till the end of 1950–51. In 1951–52 an advance of Rs. 5 lakhs was sanctioned to the District Board to enable it to meet expenditure on road works in progress both under Public Works Road and village road programmes, the advance being repayable in 10 equal instalments of Rs. 50,000 each. The District Board has since paid one instalment and the balance outstanding is Rupees 4,50,000."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Has the attention of Government been drawn to the report on local administration for 1949 regarding the unsatisfactory nature of the administration of the Guntur District Board and if so, what steps have the Government taken in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Notice, Sir."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" Sir, besides Guntur, several other District Boards are involved in debts. May I ask the Hon. Minister to investigate into those cases also? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" From the answer of the Hon. Minister it appears that the debt incurred by the Guntur District Board was more or less for purposes of election roads. Are election debts binding upon District Boards? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" It was for road works, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I pass on to the next question. The Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue will reply." 10-50 a.m.

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" On a point of order, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Order, Order."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNIAH :—" On a point of order Sir,—Question No. 188—Land Revenue గురించి వేసిన ప్రశ్నకు అర ఘంటు సేపు చర్చ కావాలని కోరుతున్నాను."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is not a point of order. The hon. Member will resume his seat."

Board of Revenue.

* 188 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to abolish the office of the Board of Revenue?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is no proposal to abolish the office of the Board of Revenue at present."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that a major part of the work of the Members of the Revenue Board and Revenue Divisional Officers is only in the nature of making recommendations to the Government and hence they are doing post office work? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the Revenue Board does not do the business of a post office; the post office does the post office business; the Revenue Board does many things which, if the hon. Member wants, I will let him know."